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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/693,125	GALLIVAN ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Daniel I. Robinson	3742	

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on papers filed 5-25-2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 20-37 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)               | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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***Response to Amendment***

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-5, 9-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burdon et al.(U.S.Pat.6,572,830) in view of Riemer et al.(U.S.Pat.5,886,671). Burdon discloses an integrated multilayered microfluidic devices and methods of making the same that shows all the features of the claimed invention but fails to explicitly show an array comprised of wafers. Riemer discloses a low-cost communication phased array antenna system that shows a reflection system that redirects waves and uses an antenna array. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to combine the features of Riemer with the device of Burdon so as to low cost and much thinner system.

Claims 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burdon et al.(U.S.Pat.6,572,830) in view of Brown et al.(U.S.Pat.6,765,535) as applied to claims 1-5 and 9-19 above, and further in view of Dion et al.(U.S.Pat.5,101,086). Burdon et al.(U.S.Pat.6,572,830) in view of Brown et al.(U.S.Pat.6,765,535) does not explicitly show a surface sensor. Dion discloses an electromagnetic inductor with ferrite core for heating electrically conductive material that explicitly shows a surface sensor. It

would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to use a surface sensor to create a patterned temperature profile.

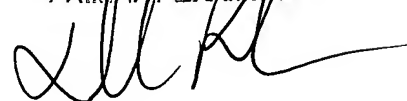
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Geisler, Bridges andf Moore are cite dto show structure similar to the claimed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel I. Robinson whose telephone number is 571-272-4788. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 5:30am-2:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on 571-272-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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